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NUMBER OF DECEMBER 8 (SUNDAY) DELHI DAILIES CARRIED WASHINGTON
DATELINED DEC 7 AP STORY COVERING DECEMBER 6 PRESS INTERVIEW
GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR KAUL ON INDO-U.S. RELATIONS. FOLLOWING
IS HINDUSTAN TIMES REPEAT WHICH GAVE FULLEST COVERAGE OF
KAUL'S REMARKS AS REPORTED BY AP:

"INDIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES T. N. KAUL SAYS
RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES CAN ONLY GROW
BETTER, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME DOUBTS WHETHER NEW POLICIES
ANNOUNCED BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER WILL BE
IMPLEMENTED.

"MR. KAUL TOLD NEWSMEN YESTERDAY THAT DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO NEW DELHI, DR. KISSINGER WAS ABLE TO REMOVE MANY OF
THE PAST MISUNDERSTANDINGS, MISCONCEPTIONS, DOUBTS AND
RESENTMENTS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF INDIA TOWARD US POLICIES.

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"INNERQUOTE: DR. KISSINGER WAS ABLE TO SAY PUBLICLY THE

US ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTED WHAT HE CALLED THE NEW REALITIES OF THE SITUATION ON THE SUBCONTINENT . . . WHAT IS MORE, HE SAID AMERICA RESPECTS INDIA'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND DOES NOT REGARD INDIA'S FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION AS BEING AIMED AGAINST ANY THIRD COUNTRY OR AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE US. END INNERQUOTE.

"MR. KAUL SAID DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS WERE WARMLY WELCOMED BY THE PRESS, PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT.

"INNERQUOTE: BUT AFTER TWO DECADES OF US POLICY WHICH WAS NOT VERY FRIENDLY TO INDIA, WHAT INDIA STILL PERHAPS DOUBTS IS WHETHER US ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AS ANNOUNCED BY DR. KISSINGER WILL ACTUALLY BE IMPLEMENTED OR PRACTISED OR NOT, END INNERQUOTE MR. KAUL SAID.

"ASKED WHAT POLICIES HE WAS WAITING TO SEE PUT INTO PRACTICE, MR. KAUL CITED:

"INNERQUOTE: SUCH AS NOT TILTING THE BALANCE AGAINST INDIA, ACCEPTING INDIA'S ROLE AS ONE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN PROMOTING PROGRESS IN THE SUBCONTINENT AND IN NOT ADOPTING ANY POLICIES THROUGH THE SUPERPOWER DETENTE WHICH ARE AGAINST INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. END INNERQUOTE.

"HE ALSO CALLED FOR SETTING UP OF A NEW JOINT US-INDIA COMMISSION AND SUBCOMMISSIONS IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

"HE SAID IT WAS A TRAGEDY THAT INFORMATION ABOUT INDIA IS "NEGLIGIBLE" IN THE UNITED STATES. INNERQUOTE: WHAT INFORMATION IS PASSED ON BY OUR VERY RESPECTED FRIENDS OF THE FOREIGN PRESS IN INDIA IS OVERLY SENSATIONAL, END OF INNERQUOTE HE SAID.

"INNERQUOTE: THE VERY SENSATIONAL AND SOLID WORK INDIA IS DOING BOTH INTERNALLY AND WITH BUILDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY PUBLICITY. END INNERQUOTE.

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"HE WAS REFERRING TO CHARGES THAT INDIA'S ACTIONS TOWARDS PAKISTAN AND IN TAKING OVER GOA AND SIKKIM WERE INCONSISTENT WITH A POLICY OF BUILDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

"MR. KAUL BLAMED THE 1971 CONFLICT WITH PAKISTAN ON THE MISGUIDED POLICIES OF THE PAKISTAN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN EAST PAKISTAN.

"HE SAID THE PEOPLE OF GOA REACTED AGAINST PORTUGAL'S COLONIAL RULE AND OBLIGED INDIA TO TAKE POLICE ACTION. HE SAID SIKKIM HAS TAKEN A "STEP FORWARD TOWARDS DEMOCRATISATION" BY VOTING ASSOCIATION WITH INDIA THROUGH TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT, INSTEAD OF A PROTECTORATE WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

"ON CHINA, MR. KAUL SAID INDIA HAD MADE SEVERAL PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO BORDER DISPUTES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT NO RESPONSE SO FAR HAD BEEN RECEIVED."
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